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In re the Application of:

Michael J. Heller et al.

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Control for Molecular Biological Analysis and
Diagnostics

Group Art Unit: 1631

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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